

Recorders are S. Clancy (SC); C. Plant (CP). R.H. Charlewood (RHC); S.A. Knill-Jones (SAK-J); J.W. Knill-Jones (JWK-J); S. Dewick (SD); J. Radford (JR); R. Craske (RC) and M. Parsons (MP).

February 23rd: *Trichoplusia ni* Hübn. Dungeness, Kent (SC); *Macroglossum stellatarum* L. Duxford, Cambs (CP) and Beachy Head, Sussex (RHC).

February 24th: *Heliothis peltigera* D. & S., Bradwell-on-Sea, Essex, on sallow blossom (SD); *Agrotis ipsilon* Hübn., Freshwater, IOW (SAK-J).

March 7th: *Nomophila noctuella* D. & S., Walberton, Sussex (JR).

March 9th: *Mythimna loreyi* Dup., Freshwater, IOW (SAK-J).

March 19th: *N. noctuella*, Peacehaven, Sussex (CP).

March 21st: *N. noctuella*, Walberton, Sussex (JR); *Orthonama obstipata* Fab., Walberton, Sussex (JR).

March 22nd: *M. stellatarum*, Freshwater, IOW (JWK-J).

March 29th: *M. stellatarum*, Freshwater, IOW (SAK-J).

March 30th: *M. stellatarum*, Hove, Sussex (RC).

March 31st: *N. noctuella*, Ninfield, Sussex (MP) and Walberton, Sussex (JR).

April 1st: *Spodoptera exigua* Hübn., Peacehaven, Sussex (CP).

April 13th: *Udea ferrugalis* Hübn., Freshwater IOW (SAK-J).

Agrotis ipsilon Hufn. was recorded at Walberton and Ninfield, Sussex and at Freshwater IOW, in late March and up to three a night were taken.

It seems that the records of *Macroglossum stellatarum* L. were in fact migrants. However, there is evidence that it hibernates in this country as Dr J. Waring found an adult in his garage on 5th April 1984 at Totland Bay, Isle of Wight (*Ent. Gaz.* 35: 224).

It seems that the general opinion of scientists favours the "greenhouse effect" leading to global warming and that this out-of-season migration may be the first of many in the years to come. I should like to thank Mr B.F. Skinner and Mr C. Pratt for their invaluable records.— S.A. KNILL-JONES, Roundstone, 2 School Road, Freshwater, Isle of Wight PO40 9AL.

Nacia ciliaris Hübn. (Lep.: Pyralidae) in Hampshire

Two specimens of this very local pyraiid were caught in a m.v. trap at the Titchfield Haven reserve, Hampshire, on 5th July 1987. Further specimens were trapped in 1988 (June 14th, 17th and 24th) and again in 1989 (two on 23rd May and one on 10th June). This would suggest the species is established on the site.

This is a new county location for the species which has only previously been recorded at Browndown, four miles to the east. The latter colony, if it still exists, was the only known colony away from the Fens of Cambridgeshire.— P.M. POTTS, 21 Christchurch Gardens, Widley, Portsmouth, Hants PO7 5BT.